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## Small college basketball lures unhappy prep back

by Joe Naiman

Between Christmas and New Year's last year, Kelly Simers quit the Santana basketball team, knowing that she might be giving up a basketball future, but not wanting to play without enjoying being on the team.

While this might have deterred college basketball coaches interested in building a winning team, it didn't deter the University of Redlands from contacting Simers.

When she was considering college choices her interest included a few big universities and Redlands, the only small school on her list. Redlands soon won out.

"That way I could get good schooling and possibly play basketball again," she said.

Despite not playing most of her senior year after a disagreement with the coach, Simers completed her high school career with 348 successful three-point shots, which not only ranks as the best all-time total in the CIF San Diego Section, but also the third-best all-time total nationally.

As a sophomore in 1994-95, she set a CIF season record with 117 three-pointers, which she broke with 134 as a junior. She tied the CIF single-game record of 10 three-point baskets twice.

Simers also earned all-CIF honors, along with Grossmont League recognition, in the three years which she



Redlands' Kelly Simers evades defense of Christian Heritage's April Caires during game on Dec. 4 at the East County school. Simers scored 12 points for Redlands in a losing cause.

Photo by Joe Naiman

played the full season.

The Sultans won the CIF-SD Division III championship in her freshman and sophomore years before the team moved up to Division II for her junior year and finished as the runner-up.

When she quit the Santana team, she was 30 baskets behind the state three-point record and within reach of the na-

tional record. But enjoyment was more important to her than additional records. "I could care less about records. I'd rather have fun with what I'm doing than set a record," she said.

At Redlands, Simers is having fun as well as setting three-point bucket records. In her first game with the Bulldogs, whose previous single-game record was five three-point shots, Simers hit seven shots, all consecutively, against Cal Tech.

In her first four games she has 13 three-point baskets. "It's so much fun. It's completely

different," she said of being on the Redlands team. "It's everything. It's the coaches, it's the team. It's 100 percent turnaround."

The 5'8" guard also said that a difference between college and high school was that the girls are quicker and stronger in college.

Simers returned to East County when Redlands, which is in the NCAA's Division III, played at Christian Heritage College Dec. 4. Although she was on the visiting team, many opponents and fans still held her in high regard.

"It was exciting for me because I've been here," said Simers of playing in the San Diego area as a visitor.

She had played pick-up games and participated in summer camps in the gym used by both Christian Heritage College and Christian High School and knew many of the Christian Heritage players as well as many of the fans in the stands.

She scored 12 points, including a pair of three-point baskets, in a losing effort against Christian Heritage.

Ironically, for parts of the game, she was matched against Christian Heritage's April Caires, who, like Simers, faces the task of being known as a basketball player rather than as someone's daughter.

While *Los Angeles Times* sports-writer T.J. Simers has wider recognition than Padre Dam Municipal Water District General Manager Augie Caires, Simers doesn't feel that playing in Redlands makes any difference in whether she's considered a top three-point shooter or a sportswriter's daughter.

"It never really bothered me at all that people knew who my dad was," said the freshman, who is considering a major in communicative disorders.

## Kirk MacDonald likes showing off as mascot for Gulls

by Greg Eichelberger

There's a feeling among some psychologists and psychiatrists that people who dress up in elaborate costumes and parade around in front of others are basically insecure and live vicariously through their facades.

But don't tell that to Kirk MacDonald of Lakeside, who not only holds a degree in bio-technology, plays professional roller and ice hockey, works as a food-additive engineer and, in his spare time, fulfills the demanding role of mascot for the San Diego Gulls.

He enjoys his job as mascot because he likes showing off in front of the fans, watching the battles and meeting the players and personnel.

"The Gulls are great people," he said. "They asked me to do this for them and, so far, I'm having a great time. It's a great way to spend a few hours."

The Santana grad (1995) and Cuyamaca College alumni, who has also played soccer and water polo, has been serving as "Sandy Gull," a huge, bird-like object that entertains fans during the two 20-minute intermissions of a regulation hockey contest, for the past few months.

He took over the position when the last albatross, unable to ice skate and make people laugh, was mercifully let go, and the team requested that he come on board.

"I do this (dress up as a bird) for RHI (Roller Hockey International), too, but



Kirk MacDonald (in Sandy Gull gear) poses with an apprehensive admirer.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

it's more to bring the fans in," he said. "For the Gulls, it's a way to keep people from getting bored for 40 minutes each game." In addition to his "antics," some scripted, others ad-libbed on the spot, the team's front office holds various goal-scoring and racing contests for the audience's enjoyment.

In this capacity, he has played chicken with the Zamboni machine, battled the "Scoop Guy" (a man who shoots items into the stands via a scoop-like object), fought the "famous" San Diego Chicken and Barney the purple dinosaur, as well as endured viewer apathy, one fan actually yelling, "Bring

back the players!" during a particularly uninspired routine.

But his most memorable stunt occurred when, as a mascot for the now-defunct RHI Barracudas, he jumped over a police car. Unfortunately, he will not duplicate that feat for the patrons at the Sports Arena. "You just can't jump over a car on the ice," he bemoaned.

He does hope, however, to bring an ATV on to the ice one day. He would also like to have a "mascot game" featuring all of the West Coast Hockey League team's symbols, including Little Caesar's and Bullwinkle's, here at the rink.

"They (the Gulls) said that anything I want to do, within reason, is fine with them," he said. "I appreciate that kind of freedom and confidence in me."

Asked if he would get a little more daring than running up and down the ice and sliding around, he said that any suggestions that people can come up with, again, within reason, he would try.

He also said that since he doesn't spend a great deal of time thinking about his act, it sometimes appears as if he's not really doing anything, but it's not as easy as it looks.

In addition to his skating ability, the 120-pound MacDonald has to carry at least 50 pounds of feathery material on his back the entire time. It protects him, but it's still cumbersome.

MacDonald was born and raised in El Cajon.

He scored 22 goals and 14 assists in a 12-game roller hockey season this year.



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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY M. BOVINGTON CASE NO. P171408

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY M. BOVINGTON.

A PETITION has been filed by DAVID BOVINGTON in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO.

THE PETITION requests that DAVID BOVINGTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on DEC 29, 1997 at 1:45 p.m. in Dept. 35, located at 220 W. BROADWAY, San Diego, CA 92101.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: JAMES GOODWIN, 600 West Broadway, 7th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3370.

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1996 taxable sales: \$265 million  
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Council: Thomas Clabby  
Craig Lake  
Dwight Shelley  
Jeff Jandura  
City Manager: Doug Yount  
Planning Director: Linda Niles  
City Attorney: Gloria McLean  
City Clerk: Christine Taub  
Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins  
Fire Chief: vacant

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52nd - Duncan Hunter  
State Senate district:  
40th - Steve Peace  
State Assembly district:  
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2nd - Dianne Jacob  
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## Letter to the Editor

### You have never suffered

Joe Stern has been characterized as a consistently vocal "advocate for senior rights ... a champion for justice, fairness, honesty, human rights and dignity for old and young of any size, shape or color."

If he, with his intelligence and understanding of the human mind, decides he wants to leave this life, one may be sure he knows what is best for his loved ones and himself.

Naysayers who dare fault him in his hour of need have never lived and suffered with a dear one dying of cancer. It is hoped they never do. But, if they should, they would soon change their tune.

LEO BODIN  
Lemon Grove

## Chargers sixth annual Toy Drive is set for Sunday

The San Diego Chargers will sponsor its sixth annual holiday toy drive on Sunday to collect toys for San Diego's abused and needy children.

Fans are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys for children from infants to teens to the Sunday game between the Chargers and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Many Chargers wives will help collect the toys at Qualcomm Stadium before the game. For each gift donated, Sea World will offer a free child's admission (with a paid adult admission). Sea World costumed characters will also assist with the toy collection.

The toys will be donated to the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation (CAPF), which will distribute the toys to thousands of needy youngsters throughout the county. More than 10,000 children depend on Chargers fans and (CAPF) to brighten their holidays.

"This is the Chargers sixth year of sponsoring this holiday effort," said Bill Johnston, Chargers director of public relations. "We look forward to bringing smiles to the faces of the many children who need our support, and we ask our fans who support the team to back this effort, too."

Suggested toys include: infant developmental toys, soft blocks, puzzles, crayons, dolls, tea sets, play food, trucks and cars, basketballs, footballs, board games, Nerf balls and action figures.

For teens: backpacks, wallets, hair accessories, games, radio head sets, sporting equipment and books (no battery operated toys or toy weapons, please).

"Our goal is to collect at least 10,000 toys this year," said Paula Taylor, CAPF Toy Drive coordinator. Toys don't have to be expensive; the favorite standards are wonderful. If every fan brings a toy, think how many deserving children will have a fantastic holiday."

Founded in 1981, (CAPF) raises money for the prevention and treatment of child abuse. CAPF also raised the funds to build and endow the Polinsky Children's Center, the emergency shelter for San Diego's abused and neglected children.

## Lemon Grove Sheriff's Log

Nov. 4-25, 1997

8100 blk. Golden Ave. Petty theft. Value unknown.

Nov. 9-23, 1997

2500 blk. Skyline Dr. Residential burglary. \$250 value.

Nov. 11-12, 1997

7500 blk. Zemco Dr. Residential burglary. \$560 value.

Nov. 13-17, 1997

7300 blk. Broadway. Vehicle burglary. \$150 value.

Nov. 13-27, 1997

1500 blk. La Corta. Residential burglary. \$1,200 value.

Nov. 20, 1997

7200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. \$4 value.

Nov. 21, 1997

600 blk. Central Ave. Petty theft. \$300 value.

Nov. 22-24, 1997

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Residential burglary. Unknown cash.

7500 blk. Broadway. Grand theft. \$2,000 value.

Nov. 26, 1997

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Strong-arm robbery. \$500 cash.

3200 blk. Kempf St. Auto theft. \$8,500 value.

Nov. 27, 1997

2000 blk. Skyline Dr. Petty theft. \$25 value.

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# Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Greetings. Today I lead off with the story of our own El Cajon Valley Braves (10-1) football team and their valiant efforts in the post season (the only East County squad to survive into the semi-finals). This past Saturday, on the muddy fields of Torrey Pines High School, they met the 8-3 Oceanside Pirates, losing by a 20-10 score. Congratulations on a fine effort and a great year to coach **Dave Gross** and the entire Braves team.

Now on to my weekly rant. Regular readers will recall about a month ago how I denounced many of today's NBA "stars" as nothing more than thugs with a jump shot. Well, it seems that I was more prophetic than usual as Golden State's Latrell Sprewell, a volatile and ignorant young man, went over the edge and tried to strangle head coach P.J. Carlesimo, not once, but twice, at a recent practice.

The team suspended the moron, terminating his \$34 million contract and, finally growing a spine, the league officials said "Enough!" and banned him from playing for a year. (If it were you or I, we'd be up on assault charges, but that's another story.) I say that wasn't enough, but I'm happy that the NBA has finally cracked down on these delinquents.

Today, however, two men almost as stupid as Sprewell, San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris have come out and said, of all things, that Carlesimo "deserved being choked," and that the suspension was "unfair and racist." The Players' Association, long tolerant of any kind of antisocial and criminal behavior, has also come out against the punishment.

Friends, where was the outcry of support for Fuzzy Zeoller during his comments on Tiger Woods last year? Where were the calls of how unfair it was to ruin his career and livelihood? How come no one came forward and defended his actions, which has nothing to do with physical assault? If you don't think there's a double-standard regarding race in this country, just look at these two examples. Case closed.

The San Diego Gulls met a possible finals opponent in the Anchorage Aces this past weekend, and, true to form, swept them from the Sports Arena with two tremendous defensive efforts. High-scoring forward Martin St. Amour feels that the team just may be hitting its championship stride. "We played a great game here tonight (Friday)," he said. "It's a long way until March, but I feel, for the first time this year, that all three (offensive) lines are clicking. That's a good sign for us." Catch the Gulls (16-3-1) in action against the Bakersfield Fog on Thursday at 7:05 p.m.

You can also visit the new Cox Arena, the new home of the SDSU Aztecs (who are as East County as you can get) that night as they host the Stanford Cardinals.

There will be a great number of basketball and soccer matches going on at local high schools over the next several months, but unless something really spectacular happens in one of them, I won't write about it until the play-offs roll around. No offense.

Nancy Intermill, vice-principal at Lakeside Middle School, has informed me that a banquet was held last week for the El Capitan High Aquatics Department and that one boy and one girl were chosen to attend the All-Star Water Polo Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs this month. Unfortunately, at press time, I did not have their names, but as soon as I find out, I will pass that information along to you.

The Grossmont High baseball Foothillers (current CIF champs) will sponsor an alumni day on Dec. 20 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) at Joe Gizoni Field. There will be a homerun-hitting contest, a barbecue and two alumni games. For more information, contact coach Rob Phillips at 442-0132.

Last week there was a letter in our paper in response to something I wrote a few weeks before. A reader from Santee derided me for saying that a 41-14 score was the same in which "the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1979 Super Bowl." he correctly pointed out that the Cardinals have never appeared in a Super Bowl, and that the Steelers beat the Cowboys that year, 35-31. And believe me, no one is more aware of St. Louis' lack of NFL titles than me. I was thinking of two other teams.

You can make yourself heard by just calling 390-7103, or E-mailing me at ikeforum@juno.com instead of writing my editor. Until then, have a great sports week.

## East County High Schools

### Sports Schedules

(as available)

Tuesday, Dec. 9 - Tuesday, Dec. 16

(check with schools for times)

**Tuesday (12/9)** - Girls Soccer: Barons Tournament at Bonita High School (through 12/13). Boys Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Hilltop. Boys Basketball: Granite Hills Tournament (through 12/15).

**Wednesday (12/10)** - Boys Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Mount Carmel. Girls Basketball: Granite Hills vs. Castle Park.

**Thursday (12/11)** - Girls Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Chula Vista. Wrestling: Granite Hills at Grossmont.

**Friday (12/12)** - Girls Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Santana. Boys Soccer: Granite Hills at Santana. Girls Basketball: Granite Hills at San Dieguito. Wrestling: Southern California Challenge at Lake Elsinore (also 12/13).

**Monday (12/15)** - Boys Soccer: Granite Hills vs. Bonita Vista.

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## River Valley soccer team not giving up

by Joe Naiman

When the Faroe Islands made its international soccer debut, the Danish territory held its own against Austria, setting the standard for under-dog soccer debuts.

However, the Faroe Islands team had some depth and some mature players, and Austria wasn't a perennial World Cup contender with an all-world forward.

River Valley High School, the CIF San Diego Section's newest member, made its athletic debut Dec. 4 with a girls soccer game against Ramona.

While the Snow Leopards suffered a 12-0 defeat, they still earned the respect of the victors as well as praises from River Valley soccer coach and athletic director Caroline Ninteman.

"I'm tickled pink with this team," she said. "They didn't give up."

Like the Faroe Islands, whose international home games are on a neutral site due to a lack of a natural grass field in the territory itself, River Valley has no home field.

The Lakeside charter school's first road game was at 5 p.m., the only night game of the season, and the Snow Leopards learned not only that Ramona was a CIF playoff team last year and had a returning all-CIF forward, but that the temperature in Ramona drops to the 30s at night in December.

While the debut of athletics at River Valley merited a pep rally at the school earlier that day, spirit at the 48-student school could not make up for the fact that the team consisted of 11 freshmen, one sophomore and one junior.

## Oceanside puts damper on Braves

Oceanside High School put a stop to El Cajon Valley's reach for a place in the finals of Div. III CIF football at QualComm Stadium by a 20-10 score.

With rain affecting both sides, the North County Pirates were able to use the running of 230 pound fullback Josh Galeai behind a larger line than the Braves to dominate, especially in the second half.

El Cajon took a half-time lead into the locker room thanks to a muffed punt by the Pirates and a 78-yard kickoff return by Mohammad Muheize which ended on the Oceanside 6-yard-line.

Even then, it took a fake field goal to get the Braves on the scoreboard and tie the game. The punt muff set up an El Cajon field goal for the lead.

Galeai, who ran for 191 yards on 43 carries, was the main offensive thrust of the game, but it was enough to end the Braves Cinderella season.

## East County

Community College schedule (as available)

Wednesday, 12/10 - MEN'S BASKETBALL: Grossmont College vs. Orange Coast College.



River Valley goalkeeper was almost shell-shocked by the 12 goals scored by Ramona during match at Ramona on Dec. 4. Here, she watches almost helplessly as one of the dozen is put in the net.

Photo by Joe Naiman

The fact that over half of the girls in the school are on the team means that girls soccer has great support at River Valley, but the absence of one of the players due to illness gave the Snow Leopards one bench player for their opener against Ramona's full squad.

After asthma affected a pair of River Valley players in the Ramona altitude, the Snow Leopards played short the second half.

"We're working on conditioning right now, a lot of conditioning," said Ninteman.

Ramona scored two goals early in the game and the Bulldogs had a 6-0 lead at halftime. Ninteman said that after the game, the Ramona coach remarked that he was impressed that River Valley didn't give up.

The two coaches also agreed to a game next year. "They know this is a developmental year. They're playing with heart," said Ninteman on her team.

Ninteman received a vote of confidence from River Valley

principal Bill Wellhouse, who made the trip to Ramona for the game.

"I think that Caroline Ninteman's doing a great job. I like the way she's handling the girls. I like the way she's been really positive having to start from scratch. We're lucky to have her."

River Valley was chartered in March and opened in September. "The spirit that we're having at school is really great," said Wellhouse, who remarked that it's really nice when more than half your girls are on the team. It sort of affects the whole school.

Although the team's previous experience consisted of scrimmages at Point Loma and Coronado, both of which were also shutout losses, Ninteman said that, in future years, the team would have the advantage of an experienced varsity which has played together.

She asked for people to watch us in a couple of years, and that by that we'll be the team to beat.



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